

Appendix 1 - Budget Timeline for 2024/25 and 2025/26 as of December 2023

Week	Status	Date	Milestone
1	Completed	26 th October 2023	Issue 2024/25 and 2025/26 savings targets to CLT
2	Completed	1 st November 2023	Commissioner Finance Board
2	Completed	3 rd November 2023	Draft communications plan for budget
3	Completed	w/c 6 th November 2023	Review and update inflation model
3	Completed	w/c 6 th November 2023	Review pressures and growth for 2024/25 and 2025/26
3	Completed	w/c 6 th November 2023	Review and rebase 23/24 budget
3	Completed	w/c 6 th November 2023	List of assets and potential capital receipts available
3	Completed	w/c 6 th November 2023	Review of Capital Programme available
3	Completed	7 th November 2023	Saving options return to finance
3	Completed	7 th November 2023	CLT discussion on savings options – Presentation by each Director
3	Completed	9 th November 2023	EMT discussion on savings options
3	Completed	10 th November 2023	Initial meeting with Trade Unions
4	Completed	14 th November 2023	CLT session to work through budget
4	Completed	14 th November 2023	Cabinet - position statement on 24/25 and 25/26 budgets
3-4	Completed	7 th – 16 th November 2023	Due diligence of initial savings options
4	Completed	15 th November 2023	Commissioner Finance Board
5	Completed	w/c 20 th November 2023	O&S Task & Finish Group Phase 1 – Budget gap and timeline
5	Completed	w/c 20 th November 2023	CLT and EMT to discuss savings – Fully developed proposals
5	Completed	22 nd November 2023	Autumn Statement
4-5	Completed	17 th – 23 rd November 2023	Corporate diligence of savings options
5	Completed	20 th – 23 rd November 2023	Development of additional robust savings proposals
5	Completed	20 th – 23 rd November 2023	Service review sessions with a cross-directorate challenge group
5	Completed	20 th – 23 rd November 2023	Development of initial cross-cutting savings.
5	Completed	24 th November 2023	Presentation of updated credible savings figure

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6	Completed	27 th – 29 th November 2023	Due diligence of newly presented savings proposals
6	Completed	27 th – 29 th November 2023	Exploration of additional savings across: Cross cutting, Public Health Grant, Budget Line Review, Statutory vs Non-Statutory, Spend Control Rejections
6	Completed	27 th – 29 th November 2023	Chief Executive, S151 Officer, and CLT savings challenge sessions
6	Completed	30 th November 2023	EMT budget challenge session
6	Ongoing	w/c 27 th November 2023	Commence drafting of report (General Fund, HRA, Capital, Treasury Management Strategy)
7	Completed	4 th December 2023	O&S Task & Finish Group Phase 2 – Draft proposals
7	Scheduled	w/c 4 th December 2023	CLT and EMT
8		13 th December 2023	Commissioner Finance Board
9		w/c 18 th December 2023	CLT and EMT – Lock in of budget
9		w/c 18 th December 2023	Determination of rent increase under current policy
9		20 th December 2023	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations announced
9		TBC December 2023	2024/25 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement and EFS Discussion
-		TBC December 2023	Budget Consultation
11		w/c 1 st January 2024	Commissioner Finance Board
12		w/c 8 th January 2024	All member briefing post-settlement
12		w/c 8 th January 2024	Political group briefings
12		w/c 8 th January 2024	O&S Task & Finish Group Phase 3 – Final Budget
13		w/c 15 th January 2023	Commissioner Finance Board
13		16 th January 2024	Cabinet Meeting – Council Tax Base 2024/25
13		16 th January 2024	Cabinet Meeting – HRA Rent Setting report
14		w/c 22 nd January 2024	2024/25 Final Local Government Finance Settlement
14		w/c 22 nd January 2024	Business Rates consultation
14		w/c 22 nd January 2024	Finalise budget reports

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15		w/c 29 th January 2024	Commissioner Finance Board – Final budget
15		31 st January 2023	Treasury Management Strategy to Audit Committee
-		TBC January/February 2024	Exceptional Financial Support 'minded to' letter from DLUHC / Council tax discussion with DLUHC and internally
17		13 th February 2024	Cabinet – Receives budget
19		27 th February 2024	Full Council – Council tax setting
20		TBC March 2024	Issuance of School Budgets post Council decision